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TO USINT HAVANA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: SHUM, CU

SUBJECT: CUBAN POLITICAL PRISONER RELEASE

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1. TEAM WILL BE ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY 2:45 P.M. SEPT. 11
BY ATLANTIC AIRWAY CHARTER. ATLANTIC ARRANGING CLEARANCES
DIRECTLY WITH CUBANS. YOU MAY WISH TO CHECK WITH MINREX
TO MAKE CERTAIN THIS ACCOMPLISHED. IN CASE YOU NEED DATA,
PLANE IS CESSNA 402, TAIL NUMBER N4590Q. PILOT WILL BE
PAUL KERR. FLIGHT WILL DEPART MIAMI AT 1:30 P.M., SEPT. 11;
WILL FLY USUAL MARATHON-VARADERO-ZARAGOSA-JOSE MARTI ROUTE.

2. LEWIS FINKLES HAS DROPPED OUT OF SCREENING TEAM. INS
CONTINGENT WILL NOW CONSIST ONLY OF POTTER AND JORDAN.

3. ALTHOUGH CUBAINT HAD INDICATED TO US BY PHONE YESTERDAY
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THAT VISAS COMPLETED FOR GROUP, WHEN OFFICER WENT BY TO
RETRIEVE THEM, IT DEVELOPED THAT MISTAKE HAD BEEN MADE;
PASSPORTS HAD NOT BEEN VISAED. CUBAINT NOW INDICATES IT
HOPES CLEARANCE WILL BE RECEIVED FROM HAVANA TODAY. MIGHT
BE USEFUL IF YOU COULD USE YOUR CHANNEL TO AUTHORITIES
HANDLING ISSUE AND REQUEST THEY MAKE CERTAIN CLEARANCES ARE
SENT TODAY OR FIRST THING TOMORROW AT LATEST.

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